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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJ: ASAD'S REACTION TO YOUR AUG 23 VISIT

- 1. HAVE RECEIVED THUS FAR ONLY ONE PLAYBACK ABOUT YOUR SATURDAY MEETING WITH ASAD. TO MINISTER OF ECONOMY IMADI, WHO MET WITH PRESIDENT PRIVATELY EVENING AUGUST 25, ASAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN FURTHER INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AFFECTING THE GOLAN ADDING "BUT IT MUST BE SOLID AND QUICK."
- 2. ACCORDING IMADI, ASAD ALSO MENTIONED YOUR CONCERN ABOUT HIS ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT SUPREME COUNCIL WITH HUSSEIN. PRESIDENT ALLEGEDLY COMMENTED HE HOPED AMERICANS REALIZED THAT "THROUGH THIS ARRANGEMENT SYRIA WAS HELPING TO SAVE HUSSEIN."
- 3. AS I SAID AUGUST 23, I HOPE YOUR SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT YOU TO SWING BACK THROUGH DAMASCUS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE STATES. I CAN SEE ONE ARGUMENT AGAINST YOUR DOING SO, THAT IT MIGHT STIMULATE UNREALISTIC PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS ABOUT HOW QUICKLY A STEP ON GOLAN CAN BE ARRANGED. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE ON BALANCE THE SYMBOLISM OF YOUR COMING HERE AT THE END OF SINAI NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HELPFUL FOR THE FUTURE. MURPHY

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